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SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol

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Overview

The Southern Command currently has 3 sworn vacancies. In January fifteen new troopers completed the Highway Patrol specific academy and entered the field training program along with two rehires. The new hires, rehires, and transfers have dramatically reduced the vacancies within the Southern Command.

Southern Command personnel handled 1142 crashes as compared to 935 crashes in January of 2005. This was an increase of 22.1%. Crashes resulting in fatalities more than doubled this month as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 11 fatal crashes in January 2006 and 4 fatal crashes in January 2005. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 19.4% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 80 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was one fatality; 13 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 66 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 7% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1,245 crash reports and 601 arrest reports during January 2006. This resulted in 6,281 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers remain within 1% as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services increased by 41.5 % when compared January 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 27,673 CAD incidents and 33,400 telephone calls.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall enforcement of 30% in January 2006, as compared to January 2005. Total DUI arrests were up 15.9% as compared to last year. DUI's from crashes were up 30% as compared to January 2005. The Commercial Operations Section showed increases in total safety inspections, total safety violations citation and repair order, as well as out of service vehicles and drivers that were removed from the roads as compared to January 2005.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties admirably, and continue to benefit from a much needed increase in manpower. This manpower increase has positively affected the overall enforcement numbers due to the number of new troopers who have completed the field training program. The 27,673 incidents/contacts with the public in January can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes. These contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation. The increases due to Holiday traffic and constant growth of the Las Vegas Valley continue to push those demands for service higher.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

| | January 2006 | January 2005 | % Change | December 2005 | % Change |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| Total crashes | 1142 | 935 | 22.1% | 1251 | -8.7% |
| Property crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 853 | 676 | 26.2% | 937 | -9.0% |
| Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 278 | 256 | 8.6% | 300 | -7.3% |
| Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 11 | 4 | 175.0% | 14 | -21.4% |
| DUI crashes [DUI charged] | 52 | 40 | 30.0% | 44 | 18.2% |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes | 11 | 4 | 175.0% | 19 | -42.1% |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts | 8 | 2 | 300.0% | 7 | 14.3% |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts | 1 | 0 | 100.0% | 2 | -50.0% |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts | 1 | 0 | 100.0% | 5 | -80.0% |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts | 0 | 1 | -100.0% | 3 | -300.0% |
| Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable | 2 | 1 | 100.0% | 2 | 0.0% |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes | 80 | 67 | 19.4% | 59 | 35.6% |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle | 66 | 52 | 26.9% | 43 | 53.5% |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle | 13 | 15 | -13.3% | 15 | -13.3% |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle | 1 | 0 | 100.0% | 7 | -85.7% |

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.0 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.6 %
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 7.0 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 22.2 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up -11.9 % from last year.
- ✱ Injury crashes increased 8.6 % from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

| TRAFFIC OPERATIONS | January 2006 | | January 2005 | % Change | | December 2005 | % Change |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|----------|--|---------------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes ## | 52 | | 40 | 30.0% | | 44 | 18.2% |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ## | 239 | | 211 | 13.3% | | 217 | 10.1% |
| Other arrests | 1292 | | 1054 | 22.6% | | 1258 | 2.7% |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) ## | 544 | | 451 | 20.6% | | 522 | 4.2% |
| Speed violations | 3726 | | 2374 | 57.0% | | 3850 | -3.2% |
| Hazardous moving violations | 2104 | | 1917 | 9.8% | | 2132 | -1.3% |
| Occupant restraint violations * ## | 681 | | 406 | 67.7% | | 700 | -2.7% |
| Total violations [above violations included] | 11557 | | 8888 | 30.0% | | 11601 | -0.4% |
| COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests | 35 | | 78 | -55.1% | | 29 | 20.7% |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests | 88 | | 147 | -40.1% | | 53 | 66.0% |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 599 | | 474 | 26.4% | | 679 | -11.8% |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only | 6 | | 7 | -14.3% | | 2 | 200.0% |
| Total safety violations -- citation | 266 | | 131 | 103.1% | | 321 | -17.1% |
| Total safety violations -- repair order | 1401 | | 842 | 66.4% | | 1058 | 32.4% |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service" | 93 | | 49 | 89.8% | | 90 | 3.3% |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service" | 44 | | 40 | 10.0% | | 138 | -68.1% |
| Total school buses inspected | 306 | | 337 | -9.2% | | 213 | 43.7% |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service" | 46 | | 44 | 4.5% | | 31 | 48.4% |
| Total trucks weighed | 913 | | 10 | 9030.0% | | 762 | 19.8% |
| Total overweight citations | 43 | | 2 | 2050.0% | | 31 | 38.7% |
| Total dyed fuel inspections | 550 | | 482 | 14.1% | | 680 | -19.1% |
| Total dyed fuel citations | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

| COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY] | Urban Ops | | Rural Ops | | Task Force |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|------------|
| Level 2/3 Inspections | 0 | | 23 | | 3 |
| Safety Violations Citation | 0 | | 25 | | 0 |
| Safety Violations Repair Order | 0 | | 73 | | 0 |
| Drivers Placed "Out of Service" | 0 | | 4 | | 0 |
| Dyed Fuel Inspections | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Dyed Fuel Citations | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.144 %
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years
- ★ 4.0 % of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ★ 3.0 % of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is up 30.0 % from last year and down -0.4 % from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement up 16.7 % from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections are up 45.7 % from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | January 2006 | | January 2005 | % Change | | December 2005 | % Change |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|----------|--|---------------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION CENTER | | | | | | | |
| Radio Trans. From Consoles | 150,626 | | N/A | N/A | | 174,755 | -13.8% |
| Radio Trans & Receptions | 548,202 | | N/A | N/A | | 692,528 | 145.9% |
| CAD Incidents | 27,673 | | 23,260 | 19.0% | | 28,218 | -1.9% |
| Telephone Calls | 33,400 | | 34,297 | -2.6% | | 35,874 | -6.9% |
| Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only] | 107 | | 104 | 2.9% | | 92 | 16.3% |
| FRONT OFFICE | | | | | | | |
| Accident Reports Processed | 1,245 | | 1,084 | 14.9% | | 1,271 | -2.0% |
| Arrest Reports Processed | 601 | | 506 | 18.8% | | 424 | 41.7% |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 10 | | 23 | -56.5% | | 14 | -28.6% |
| Vehicle Impound Releases | 214 | | 172 | 24.4% | | 125 | 71.2% |
| Visitors at Counter | 1,027 | | 726 | 41.5% | | 977 | 5.1% |
| Crash Reports Mailed Out | 6,281 | | 6,233 | 0.8% | | 7,766 | -19.1% |
| | | | | | | | |
| COURT / WARRANT | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Received | 177 | | 324 | -45.4 % | | 228 | -22.4 % |
| Warrants Entered | 118 | | 337 | -65.0 % | | 111 | 6.3 % |
| Warrants Cleared | 376 | | 184 | 104.3 % | | 278 | 35.3 % |
| Warrants Validated | 3,249 | | 2,324 | 39.8 % | | 1,924 | 68.9 % |
| Extradition / Transports | 10 | | 18 | -44.4 % | | 13 | -23.1 % |
| | | | | | | | |
| EVIDENCE | | | | | | | |
| New Cases Submitted | 114 | | 129 | -11.6 % | | 127 | -10.2 % |
| New Items Submitted | 173 | | 179 | -3.4 % | | 201 | -13.9 % |
| Items Disposed | 8 | | 69 | -88.4 % | | 21 | -61.9 % |

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CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 11 Contracts requiring 236 work hours, billing \$ 14,560.79.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 90.3 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 5.3 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigations responsible for 2.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshall responsible for 1.8 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- ✱ 4 Speed Enforcement missions were flown
- ✱ 2 prisoner transport.

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ 7 from the public to sworn
- ✱ 4 from the command to sworn
- ✱ 1 from public organization

PUBLIC INFORMATION**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated.

HEAT PROGRAM:

The HEAT program had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and the HEAT truck to take several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety.

Public Requests for Information: 145

11 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints
134 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

Press releases: 11

11 were Fatal related

"The Gate of Change is Locked on the INSIDE."

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